In the Specification:

Page 8, last paragraph, as amended:

-- In one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, lifting the lid 3 ~~activates the dispensing mechanism 31~~ causes a container 1 to dispense a strip 7. An extension 5 on the lid 3 extends into the container 1. A tip 51 of the extension 5 provides a friction surface made from or coated with a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), rubber or silicone. One side 53 of the tip may be coated as a friction surface and the other side 55 may be left uncoated. --

Page 9, first paragraph, as amended:

-- The use of the thin film dispensing container 1 is shown in Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. The lid 3 initially starts in the closed position with the extension 5 resting against the top wall 2 of the container 1. When a user lifts the lid 3 (Figure 2B), the extension 5 swings downward and contacts the top strip 7 in the ~~package~~ container 1. As the user continues to open the lid 3 (Figure 2C) and further swings the extension towards the ~~package~~ container opening, friction moves the strip 7 forward. When the lid 3 is completely open (Figure 2D), a single strip 7 is out of the container far enough for a consumer to reach the strip 7, grasp an end of it and pull it from the container 1. When the lid 3 is closed, the extension 5 moves back to the starting position shown in Figure 2A, ready to eject the next strip 7 upon the next opening of the lid 3. --

Page 10, third paragraph, as amended:

-- Figures 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D show the operation of the thin film-dispensing container 1 utilizing the lever mechanism 37. The lever 11 and extension 5 originally start in the relaxed

stored position, as shown in Figure 5A, with the extension 5 against the upper surface of the container 1. Upon sliding back the lid 9, the lever 11 is depressed by a link 12, which moves the tip 51 of the extension 5 towards the strips 7. Living hinges 13 are formed between the lever 11, links 12 and 14 and the molded sliding top 9 of the ~~package~~ container 1. The TPE, rubber or silicone tipped pad 5 is connected to link 12 between living hinges 13. As the lid 9, which is the top of the ~~package~~ container, is slid backward, as shown in Figure 5B, the lever 11 is pressed downward, and the pad 5 contacts the top strip 7. As shown in Figure 5C, the cover 9 is further slid backward and as the lever 11, which has a fork engaging a rear wall of the ~~package~~ container bottom, is pressed further, the link 12 and extension 5 are rotated downward and forward and the strip 7 is ejected out the front of the ~~package~~ container 1. The molded top 9 of the ~~package~~ container slides back to uncover the dispensing opening 4 while depressing the lever 11. The device relaxes when pressure is released and returns to the start position. The top 9 is slid forward, closing dispensing opening 4 and pulling links 14 and 12 into aligned position. --

Page 12, lines 11 - 25, as amended:

-- -when lid is lifted, extension contacts top strip in ~~package~~ container
-friction moves strip towards packaging opening
-when lid completely open, single strip is out far enough for consumer to reach
-when lid is closed, extension moves back to start position
-ready to eject next strip
Lever mechanism:
-user pulls back on the upper surface of the container
-lever is depressed towards the strip

-a living hinge is between the lever and the molded front of the ~~package~~ container

-the rubber or silicone tipped pad is on the living hinge

-as the lever is pressed down, the pad contacts the top strip

-as the lever is pressed further down and forward, the strip is ejected out the front of the ~~package~~ container --

Page 13, line 1, as amended:

-- -the molded front of the ~~package~~ container slides back to reveal an opening --